The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"I have already answered that."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"From the speech to which reference is given by the hon. the Minister, we were told that selection of site was still an open question and that public opinion would be collected on that question. So, may I know for what particular locality these plans were made?"

Revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code.

11-15 a.m. *368 Q.—Mr. K. PRABHAKARAN TAMPAN : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to appoint a committee to examine the working of the Grant-in-Aid Code and submit proposals for its revision; and

(*b*) if the answer is in the affirmative, when they will commence their work and whether private institutions will be adequately represented in the committee's personnel?

A.—(*a*) Government have not decided to appoint a committee. The whole matter is engaging the attention of Government.

(*b*) Does not arise.

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—"Sir, I just want to ask one supplementary question on question No. 367."

The hon. the DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—"I am sorry, we have just passed on to question No. 368"

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—"May I know from the hon. the Minister for Education how long the proposals for the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code have been under consideration. Sir, he is engaged in conversation with the hon. Member from Chittoor and so, although I put the question loudly, he has not heard me."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"I am very sorry."

Rao Bahadur A. S. KRISHNA RAO PANTULU :—"Sir, will the hon. the Minister be pleased to state how long the proposals for the revision of the Grant-in-Aid Code have been under consideration?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"They have been under consideration for nearly two years. The reason is that first of all there is financial difficulty in giving effect to any proposal framed. Secondly, the matter was referred to the Secondary Education Board and they were not unanimous in their conclusions and thirdly we have to gather opinions from the managers of institutions and when their opinions are gathered they will be classified by a special officer who will go into the subject."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—"May I know which is the more important reason which stands in the way of revising the Grant-in-Aid Code?"

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—"It is open to the hon. Member to take any one of the reasons stated by me as important."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" I think it is the Member in charge of the portfolio that has to say which is the more important of the reasons."

The hon. Rao Bahadur Sir A. P. PATRO :—" I have given the three important reasons."

Sriman SASIBHUSHAN RATH Mahasayo :—" Which of them is the most important is my question."

Pay and efficiency bar of school assistants in Government schools.

* 369 Q.—Rao Sahib U. RAMA RAO : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether the pay of the school assistants in Government schools is graded at Rs. 75—150 with an efficiency bar at Rs. 100 ;

(b) whether no such efficiency bar is placed in respect of Deputy Inspectors of Schools ;

(c) whether it is a fact that a good number of the Deputy Inspectors of Schools are undergraduates ;

(d) whether all the school assistants are either B.A., L.T.'s, or M.A., L.T.'s. ;

(e) why there should be any efficiency bar for these highly qualified employees when none is required in the case of less qualified men ; and

(f) in view of the anomaly existing between these two classes of subordinates, whether the Government intend removing the efficiency bar in the case of the school assistants ?

A.—(a) & (e) No. School assistants are placed in the three different grades of—

Rs. 75— 5—100 for 48 per cent of the number of posts,
Rs. 100—10—150 for 40 " " and
Rs. 150—10—250 for 12 " "

(b) The question does not arise.

(c) About a fifth of the total number of Deputy Inspectors are undergraduates ; most of them have long service to their credit.

(d) Yes.

(f) The question of revising the pay of the Subordinate Educational Service is under consideration.

Teaching of Chemistry as an optional subject in the Adoni Municipal High School.

* 370 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(a) whether Chemistry is taught as an optional subject in the Municipal High School, Adoni, from 1922 ;

(b) whether the subject was introduced into the school with the previous permission of the District Educational Officer, Bellary ;

(c) whether a new assistant had to be and was appointed to teach the new subject from 1922 ; and

(d) whether the Government met the net cost of the high school and, if so, whether they include the pay of this teacher in calculating the net cost to be borne by them ?